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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application: Silverberg et al.) Group Art Unit: 1755
Serial No. 09/955,644)
Filed: September 18, 2001) Examiner: Isis A. D. Ghali
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For: NON-REACTIVE ADHESIVE USEFUL IN TRANSDERMAL DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEMS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action, paper No.5, mailed December 18, 2002, for which a response is due April 18, 2003 by virtue of the concurrently filed petition for a one (1) month extension of time.

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. An adhesive composition comprising, on a dry weight basis, from about 50 to about 98% of an alkyl acrylate monomer and/or alkyl methacrylate monomer and from about 2 to about 50% of a polymerizable non-cyclic nitrogen-containing monomer, wherein said composition lacks functional groups containing reactive hydrogen moieties and contains no post-polymerization chemical crosslinker.